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PETE BUTTIGIEG, MAYOR

South Bend's New and Greatly Improved Website

Dear Employees,

As part of our commitment to constantly improve the services that the City provides, I am happy to announce the launch of our brand new "City of South Bend" website, found at www.southbendin.gov.

After collecting input from the public and the South Bend Common Council, we worked with a local branding and marketing group, Force 5 Media, to produce this interactive and visually appealing web page for the City. The new site is organized so that residents, businesses, visitors, and students can quickly and easily find the information they need.

Residents have a wide number of tabs to choose from, ranging from household matters and city services to links about education opportunities and neighborhood organizations. In addition to looking up local events and announcements, citizens can also pay their monthly utility bills and download government forms.

Businesses can use the website for everything from learning how to get started in South Bend to reviewing licensing and permitting requirements. There are supporting links that direct business owners to economic resources in the city as well as outline the process for submitting bids for municipal contracts.

Visitors to our city will be delighted with the photos, videos, and visitor guides on the website that showcase all the things to do around South Bend. Information on everything from parks to museums and restaurants to accommodations is neatly laid out to welcome people to our city and encourage them to take advantage of all that we have to offer.

Students will be able to search city internships, register to vote, or learn the methods of public transportation around the city. Neighborhood groups and local clubs have information on ideas for getting the most out of the post-graduate experience.

We are also working with partner groups to supply the best information and services as possible, so there are links at the top of the page to a number of wonderful sites like Downtown South Bend, Visit South Bend, the Airport, the "In the Bend" events page from The South Bend Tribune, the Library, and the South Bend Community School Corporation.

The effort to make www.southbendin.gov more user-friendly is part of a larger, long-term initiative to enhance technology and efficiency throughout city government. This site, as well as the photos and videos spread throughout its pages, are a promotional tool for the city and lay out some of the reasons

why South Bend is such a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

I encourage you to take a look at the new website – it will hopefully reintroduce our residents to the community and its benefits while also promoting resources for business growth, student living, government services, and people who want to visit our community. As the city continues to employ new technologies to improve our services, this new website will play a central role, especially as we further develop a 3-1-1 customer service line which will expedite residents' calls to various departments, address problems and relay important information.

While we add these digital resources, however, we will still continue to provide the same high level of customer communication through the traditional channels and I welcome any and all questions, comments, or ideas you may have. Please call my office at 235-9261 – we would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Pete

Ram Village Fall Family Fun Fair

Saturday, October 6, 10:00am–4:00pm

10am—decorate a pumpkin with us! Come early to the Nature Center for Starbucks Coffee for adults, McDonald's orange drink for kids, and Krispy Kreme donuts until we run out!

There will be family entertainment featuring:

- 10:00am Kens Balloons, Bounce A Rama, Climbing Wall, and a Petting Zoo
- 11:00–3:00 Los Hermanos Bueno
- 11:30am Ice cream eating contest at the Nature Center
- 1:00pm Chik-Fil-A is hosting a Lemon Pie Eating contest near the playground.

Admission is free. For more information call 299-4765 or visit www.sbpark.org

Citywide Anniversaries

October 2012

40 Years–1972

Federico Rodriguez..... Fire Dept

30 Years–1982

Melanie Trowbridge..... Park Dept

20 Years–1992

James Hopkins Park Dept

15 Years–1997

Christopher Baker Fire Dept

James Berger Fire Dept

Tracey Cannady Fire Dept

Scott Chlebowski..... Fire Dept

Nyling Gammage..... Fire Dept

Dawn Horvath Fire Dept

Rodney Labonte Fire Dept

Erik Lundry..... Fire Dept

Brett Mcvov Fire Dept

David Okrzesik..... Fire Dept

John Riba..... Fire Dept

Scott Taberski..... Fire Dept

Michael Walker Fire Dept

Roy White Fire Dept

Betty Anderson Park Dept

David Lee..... Fire Dept

Daniel Tinkel Police Dept

10 Years–2002

Kyle Ross..... Solid Waste

Justin Horvath..... Sewer Dept

Tips for being better organized

- Check Your Planner 3 Times a Day
- Make a New “To Do” List Every Day
- Start Organizing–One Room at a Time
- Make Organization a Daily Habit (10 minutes a day pick up and put things away)
- Keep Small Items Together for easy retrieval
- Create a “Top 10” dinner list or regular rotating menu of dishes that you can cook easily.
- Develop a system for checking and sorting mail every day
- Write down everything you buy to keep track of your expenses
- Use electronic reminders for appointments and reminders
- Tune out distractions at work
- Fight boredom by breaking tasks into smaller pieces, talking a walk, taking notes at meetings
- Get More Exercise
- Use color coding: files, folders, notes – to help you stay organized
- Learn From Your To-Do Lists – what you didn’t get done and why

Tuscan Vegetable Soup Recipe

WebMD Recipe from the WebMD Weight Loss Clinic

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion (about 1 large)
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme (or 2 Tbs chopped fresh thyme)
 - 3 teaspoons minced garlic
 - 4 cups coarsely chopped green cabbage
 - 14.5 ounces can Italian-style stewed tomatoes
 - 2 cups sliced celery
 - 2 cups diced (1/2-inch pieces) carrots or baby carrots
 - 8 cups low sodium chicken broth (or vegetable broth)
 - 3 cups diced (1/2-inch pieces) potato
 - 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
 - 3 cups half-slices of zucchini (cut zucchini in half, then cut into slices)
 - 15 oz. red kidney beans (white kidney beans), rinsed, drained
 - Garnish: Shredded Parmesan cheese (about a tablespoon per serving)
1. Heat olive oil in large, nonstick saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, thyme, and garlic and saute about 3-5 minutes.
 2. Stir in the cabbage pieces, the canned, stewed tomato (including liquid), celery, and carrots and saute 8-10 minutes. Stir in the chicken broth, potatoes, fresh basil, zucchini, and kidney beans and bring back to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer, cover saucepan, and let simmer about an hour.
 3. Spoon into soup bowls and top each serving with a tablespoon of Parmesan cheese.

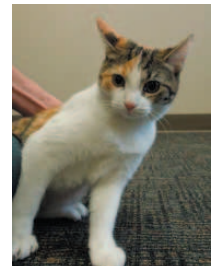
Yield: 12 small bowls of soup (or 6 large bowls)

Adopt a Pet

Tude

Domestic Short Hair, Baby, Female.

Tude (as in Attitude) is a very confident, playful little girl. About 6 months old and current on all of her vaccinations, Tude has tested negative for FeLV/FIV/



Mr. Moo

Chihuahua, Pet ID: A17138943,

Tricolor. Mr. Moo, approximately one year



old, was surrendered by his owner. He is a male Chihuahua mix, very active, friendly and well socialized. He gets along well with dogs and children. He walks well on a leash and loves to play catch. He is current on his bordetella and distemper combo vaccines and heartworm negative. Prepaid Rabies Vaccination receipt is required prior to adoption. He is not neutered. Microchip is included in adoption fee.

Employees' Corner

Administration & Finance

Welcome to **Cecil Eastman**, our new financial specialist! Cecil has had over 15 years of accounting experience in manufacturing distribution and healthcare. He is married and has two grown daughters. Cecil is a musician who enjoys playing whenever he can. You may see Cecil riding his recumbent bicycle to work! Please stop by to welcome Cecil!



City Clerk's Office

Mary Beth Wisniewski, and her husband Dan are proud 1st time Grandparents! Dexter Daniel Wisniewski was born on September 16, at 9 lbs, 5 oz. Proud parents are Jason and Kelly Wisniewski. Congratulations!!



Community & Economic Development

Congratulations to **Michael** and **Lori Divita** on the birth of little **Mary Genna**. She was three weeks early and came as a tiny bundle weighing 3 lbs. 11 oz. on September 18. She has been gaining weight and will soon be able to come home.



We are delighted for them.

Engineering

Congratulations to **Marcia** and **David** (Erskine Golf Course) **Qualls** on the birth of their grandson, **Sorin McKinley Qualls**, born August 17, at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. The proud parents are **Hannah Eichorst** and **David Qualls, Jr.** (Erskine Golf Course). After Mom was on bed rest at Riley Hospital for a very long time, Sorin was welcomed to the world by the loving arms and hearts of many family members.

Environmental Services

We express our condolences to **Martha Randall** and family for the passing of her mother, **Dorothy Randall**, July 17.

Morris PAC

A Retirement Celebration Dinner for **Ron Vogler** was held at Legends of Notre Dame. Ron is shown here opening a token of appreciation from the Morris staff. We wish him a happy retirement!



Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk 2012

Once again our team "The City Slickers" will be walking on Saturday, October 27 in Howard Park to honor all those who have conquered breast cancer and to help find a cure for this horrible disease.

Last year our team raised \$11,158. This was a joint effort with us and the Stephenson Sisters who continue along side of



us. **Sue Stephenson**, who was a Park and Recreation employee, lost her battle to breast cancer in 2010 and I lost my sister **Patty** back in 2007. We have good support from the City employees, but we can always do better. I'm sure every one of us knows a loved one who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

The research is making a difference! Let's help The American Cancer Society find a cure. Please join our team or make a donation to **Linda Martin** in Engineering, **Mary Wisniewski** at Central Services, **Cindy Piech-Miller** at the O'Brien Fitness Center or contact me at slinetty@southbendin.gov or call me at 299-4769.

submitted by **Sandy Linetty** (Park Department)

Downtown South Bend

Aaron Perri, Executive Director of Downtown South Bend, Inc. (DTSB), joined the CSI groups to discuss the suite of services their provide to the downtown community. Funded in part by community partners and businesses, DTSB is contracted by the City of South Bend and works alongside City offices to provide many of these services. DTSB is committed to the advancement and vitality of downtown through four primary areas of focus:

- Offering **business recruitment** support, initiatives and incentives.
- Delivering **resources to the existing community** of downtown businesses, employees and residents.
- Presenting **marketing & events** designed to attract visitors and highlight downtown as the center of arts, entertainment & culture.
- Providing **street level services** to make downtown clean, safe, beautiful, accessible and hospitable.

Aaron highlighted the four areas and spent quite a bit of time discussing the Ambassador programs which provide the street-level solutions throughout downtown – inclusive of parking management, seasonal décor, flower planting, minor maintenance, detail cleaning, safety escorts, hospitality assists, graffiti removal, and beyond. If you're ever in need of an Ambassador, they're on duty 24/7 and can be reached by calling 574.400.3949. Visit www.downtownsouthbend.com for more information on DTSB and their programs and events.

Zoo Boo at Potowatomi Zoo

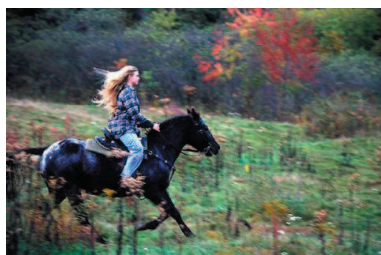
10/26 6-9pm
10/27 3-9pm
10/28 12-4pm



Fall Family Equestrian Trail Ride

October 13

Potato Creek State Park
(Horse Campground Day Area)



An opportunity for families to enjoy 2 hours of horseback riding through scenic trails.

Fee: \$46 per person includes the cost of a Stable Horse or \$8 per person if participants bring their own

equine. Both fees include a light lunch. Two sessions are still available: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4:40 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Children must be at least 6 years old (if renting a horse) and must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration is required. Register at O'Brien Recreation Center from 9/1 until full or by phone with a credit card at 299-4765 daytime or 299-3482 evenings. On-line registration at www.sbpark.org. Fees are non-refundable. Call **Paula Garis** at 299-4778 for more information.

Upcoming events:

Breakfast With Santa, Saturday 12/8, 8:00 am, Fiddler's Hearth, 127 N. Main St., *pre-registration required* at O'Brien Recreation Center or on-line at www.sbpark.org.

Tea With Santa, Saturday 12/8, 12:00 Noon & 1:15 pm
Cost: \$7.00 per person, Erskine Park Clubhouse, 4200 Miami Street, *Pre-registration required* at O'Brien Recreation Center or on-line at www.sbpark.org.

A Little Name Dropping...

Welcome

August 2012

Tricia Deal..... City Clerk's Office
Richard Low.....Streets
Heather Mosley Parks/Zoo
James Rudnicki Water Works
Dennis RyansStreets
James Seward Park Dept.

Resignations

August 2012

Michael Cwidak-Kusbach Comm. & Econ. Dev. (4 mo)
James Hassig..... Police (3 mos)
Roland Kelly Community & Economic Dev. (7 mos)
Rebecca Pelky..... Parks/Zoo (7 yrs 1 mo)
Gloria ResendizSafety & Risk (11 yrs 4 mo)

Lunch 'n Learn

Sign up and then come sample tasty Crock Pot cooking recipes from Chef Kip of Centerplate: *White Chicken Chili, Hearty Potato Soup, Saucy Pot Roast with noodles, and Sweet & Spicy Pineapple Turkey Chili*. He will share ideas, techniques, and recipes. It is sure to be a delectable time!

10/2 11:30-12:30 Park Maintenance
10/3 11:30-12:30 Water Works
10/4 11:30-12:30 Water Works
10/4 12-1:00 Central Services
10/8 12-1 Parks Department
10/17 12-1 Street Department
10/22 12-1 Potawatomi Zoo
10/25 11:30-12:30 Waste Water
10/29 12-1 County City Bldg.
10/30 12-1 and 2-3 SBPD



Change of Pace

August 2012

Gerard Ellis Fire from Firefighter 1st Class to Captain/Public Education
Kevin Kurtz Fire from Firefighter 1st Class to Pump Engineer/First Driver
James Luccki Fire from Captain to Battalion Chief
Daniel Wieczorek From Equipment Operator III Street to Equipment Operator III Sewer

Retirements

August 2012

Phillip Custard Admin. & Finance (5 yrs 6 mos dedicated service)
Scott RossPolice (21 yrs 10 mos dedicated service)
Ronald Vogler Morris Performing Arts Center (10 yrs 0 mos dedicated service)
Peggy Wright Admin. & Finance (15 yrs 3 mos dedicated service)



For more information on the following events contact:

CENTURY CENTER	9711
COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME	5715
S.B.REGIONAL MUSEUM OF ART	9102
MORRIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.....	9190
PARKS/RECREATION DEPARTMENT.....	299-4765
NOTRE DAME	631-5031
ST. PATRICK'S COUNTY PARK	288-3472
NO. INDIANA CENTER FOR HISTORY.....	235-9664
ST. JOE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS	291-4870

Century Center

- 10/2 College & Career Fair – St. Joseph Scholarship Foundation
 - 10/4 Right to Life Annual Dinner
 - 10/5 NAACP Annual Luncheon
 - 10/6 Black Essence Awards - Mega Harvest Ministries
 - 10/7,14,21,28 New Life Deliverance Center – Church Service 10am
 - 10/8 The Acting Ensemble Stage Works “Circle Mirror Transformation”
 - 10/12 South Bend Civic Theatre “Shake It Up” Fundraiser
 - 10/18-21 The Acting Ensemble presents “God of Carnage”
 - 10/21 Century Bride Bridal Show
 - 10/24 St. Joseph Bar Association presents “Clarence Darrow One”
 - 10/24 Memorial Brain Works – Mary Morris Leighton Lecture Series with Dr. Arthur Kramer
 - 10/27 100 Black Men of South Bend Dinner
 - 11/1 South Bend Community Schools – K-12 Magnet Fair
 - 11/14,11,18,25 New Life Deliverance Center – Church Service 10am
 - 11/10 Hello Gorgeous Annual Dinner
 - 11/10 Beaux Arts Ball – South Bend Museum of Art
 - 11/10 Operation 1ST Response Fundraiser
 - 11/12 The Acting Ensemble Stage Works – “Alive & Dead In Indiana”
 - 11/14 South Bend Hall of Fame Annual Dinner
- For more information on events, please visit our website at www.CenturyCenter.org or call us at 235-9711

The Morris Performing Arts Center

- 10/17 Fresh Beat Band - Children’s Music
- 10/19 Travis Porter - Hip Hop Concert
- 10/25 Jackson Browne - Classic Rock
- 10/27 The General (silent movie starring Buster Keaton) Symphony Pops
- 10/30 Chris Tomlin “And If Our God Is For Us” Tour Christian Concert
- 11/15 Lewis Black “Running On Empty” Tour - Comedy
- 11/24 Disney Live Presents “Mickey’s Music Festival”
- 11/29 Mannheim Steamroller - Holiday Music
- 11/30 Dein Perry’s Tap Dogs - Broadway

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Potawatomi Zoo	Pat Fenters.....	9800
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Studebaker Nat’l Museum		9714
Water Works.....	Laura Vance	5650
Water Works.....	Jodie Spradlin.....	5663

If you have anything you would like to put into the paper, either contact your reporter (above), or you can fax it (235-9171) or send a typed or neatly printed copy to **Marcia Qualls (Engineering) or Mary Beth Wisniewski (City Clerk)** Please do not send anything without a name and phone number in case we have questions.

First Fridays: Fright Night

10/5 5:00-9:00pm Downtown South Bend will be crawling with activities for ghouls and goblins of all ages. Featured activities include Haunted Halloween Hay Wagon Rides, Fright Night Flicks and live music while dining, gallery hopping and shopping abound. The event is free. Go to dtsbfirstfridays.com for complete details.

South Bend Civic Theatre

10/26-11/11 “Wait Until Dark,” by Frederick Knott, www.sbct.org

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